

REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed August 24, 2009, Applicants submit this paper containing corrected portions of the Amendment and Response filed on June 26, 2009.

The Examiner indicated that Claims 1, 13, 14, 27 and 48 have not been provided with the proper status identifier. Applicants have corrected these status identifiers and are now showing “(Currently Amended).” No other changes are made herein and no new matter has been added herewith.

No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, Applicants are not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that Applicants have made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance in view of the above remarks. If any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants’ attorney in order to resolve such issue promptly.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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